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*New Delhi, the 7th April 1953*

**No. 157-GII.**—The Government of India have learnt, with the deepest regret, of the sudden death of Shri Asaf Ali at Berne on the 2nd April. Shri Asaf Ali, who was born in 1888, played an outstanding part in the freedom struggle. Sacrificing his career at the Bar, he underwent several terms of imprisonment for political activities. He served with distinction as a member of the Central Legislature before Independence. From September 1946 to January 1947 he was Member in charge of Transport and Railways in the Interim Government of India. Thereafter for a little over a year he served as India's first Ambassador at Washington. From 1948 to 1952 he was Governor of Orissa. Since leaving that office he had been Minister at Berne with the personal rank of Ambassador, being concurrently accredited to Austria and the Vatican. To the service of his country at home and abroad he brought wisdom and experience, as well as zeal, learning, charm of manner and a great breadth of outlook. The Government of India mourn the loss of a distinguished and valued servant of the people, and extend their deep sympathy to his family.

R. K. NEHRU,  
*Foreign Secretary.*

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